

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-20 are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter and new claims 21-25 (patentable because the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest a method of providing closed user group service in a mobile communication system enabling packet-switched data services) are added to more fully claim the disclosed invention. Applicant thanks the Examiner and her supervisor for the courtesies shown during the personal interview conducted on August 29. In view of the matters discussed during that interview, reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Although claim 20 was deemed to include allowable subject matter, claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over GSM 2.60 v8.0.0 (provided by the applicant and hereinafter "GSM 2.60") in view of Boltz (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,055). Applicants traverse the prior art rejection because the cited prior art, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method of providing closed user group service in a mobile communication system enabling packet-switched data services wherein closed user group access conditions are determined for at least one subscriber belonging to the group, the access conditions comprising at least one of the following conditions: a right to receive packets from parties outside the group, and a right to receive packets from a part of the group substantially simultaneously without communicating with all members of the group, as recited in each of the independent claims and their various, respective dependent claims.

As discussed during the personal interview, and agreed to by the Examiner, Boltz merely teaches an access condition that controls the right to send packets to a single party out of a group (the group being every party that is not blocked). During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiners discussed the possibility of limiting the scope of the claims in various manners. Based on those discussions, Applicant's now amend the claims to specify that control of receiving, not sending, as in Boltz. During the interview, the Examiners readily recognized that neither Boltz nor GSM 2.60 teach or suggest control of receiving packets either from a given party outside the group or from a part of the group, as recited in each of the pending claims and their corresponding dependent claims.

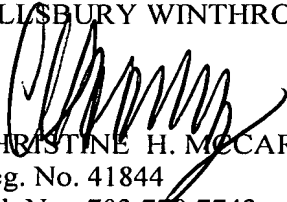
In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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